

Claims Listing:

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Amended Claims

Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A device for treatment or fixation of a fractured, damaged or deteriorating bone or bones in a mid-foot region, said device having a proximal end, a distal end, and a central cylindrical elongated body wherein said proximal end is a chamfered end, and wherein said chamfered end is defined by a reduction in diameter by a 45 degree chamfer between said central cylindrical elongated body and said chamfered end, wherein a sufficient portion of said chamfered end is inserted into said talus bone so that at least one proximal fastener hole reaches far enough into said talus bone to fully secure said device with fasteners through said fastener hole thereby securing the navicular bone and/or the medial cuneiform bone chamfered end and at least one slot, said device comprising an attaching means to a bone or bones of a foot such that said attaching means secures securing said mid-foot region by providing support along the medullary canal, said canal extending into and through said mid-foot region starting first at the metatarsal, next into the medial cuneiform, next to the navicular, and finally into the talus bone.

2. (Previously presented) [[A]] The device as in claim 1, wherein said bone or bones of said midfoot comprises:

- a) a first metatarsal bone,
- b) a talus bone,
- c) a medial cuneiform bone, and
- d) a navicular bone.

3. (Previously presented) [[An]] The device as in claim 2, wherein said device is an implant which is inserted into a medullary canal of said first metatarsal bone, said medial cuneiform bone, said navicular, and said talus bone.

4. (Previously presented) [[A]] The device as in claim 3, wherein said implant is an intramedullary nail.

5. (Previously presented) [[A]] The device as in claim 4, wherein said intramedullary nail is

cannulated comprising a round cross-section with said central cylindrical elongated body.

6. (Currently amended) [[An]] The device as in claim 4, wherein said intramedullary nail is adapted with [[said]] an attaching means by way of a proximal fastener hole and a distal fastener hole to allow for compression of said mid-foot region.

7. (Currently amended) [[A]] The device as in claim [[1]] 6, wherein said attaching means is accomplished by insertion of at least one fastener in at least one fastener hole or slot at either said proximal end, said distal end, or said central cylindrical elongated body of said implant.

8. (Currently amended) [[A]] The device as in claim 7, wherein said attaching means utilizes at least one proximal fastener hole and at least one distal fastener hole ~~which allows~~ allowing for reduction and compression of said mid-foot region.

9. (Currently amended) [[A]] The device as in claim 7, wherein said fastener is configured and dimensioned for insertion in at least one [[said]] fastener hole, further comprising a threaded hole for insertion of a screw, said screw having an optional threaded head portion and a threaded shaft portion.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

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19. (Canceled)

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